



AUSTRALIAN BOOK PUBLISHING 1971

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STATISTICS OF AUSTRALIAN BOOK PUBLISHING WILL IN FUTURE
BE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

In 1971, the National Library of Australia received 4,523 publications published in Australia. This was 346 less than the 4,869 publications received by the Library in 1970. The Library also received 101 publications published in Australia's External Territories.

The Australian publications received in 1971 consisted of 2,086 books (non-periodical publications of at least 49 pages) and 2,437 pamphlets (non-periodical publications of 5 to 48 pages). Books classified as "social sciences" formed the largest group of books (629, including Bills and Acts of Parliament); 365 books were classified as "technology, business", 250 as "literature" (mainly Australian fiction), and 234 as "science". Of the 2,437 pamphlets, the largest number of titles (1,349) was classified as "social sciences" (also including Acts and Bills of Parliament), and 390 as "technology, business". There were 36 books and 110 pamphlets classified as children's publications; and 218 books and 64 pamphlets as school text books.

Government publishers accounted for 44.1% of the 4,523 publications, and trade publishers for 34.3%.

Of the 4,523 publications received in 1971, 62.0% were published in that year, 32.7% in 1970, and 5.3% in 1969. This compares with 1970, when, of the 4,869 publications received, 63.4% were published in that year, 31.5% in 1969, and 4.9% in 1968.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Statistics about Australian book publishing are prepared from data supplied by the National Library of Australia. Through the operation of the deposit provisions of the Copyright Act 1912-1968, and through its overseas collection agents and its own efforts, the Library receives copies of all books and pamphlets published in Australia (including the External Territories), although not necessarily in the year of publication.

2. Statistics relating to books and pamphlets published in the External Territories of Papua-New Guinea, Norfolk Island and before 1968, Nauru have, where possible, been excluded from Tables 1-6. The numbers of books and pamphlets published in the External Territories are shown in Table 7.

3. Publications described as "received" during the year, include those for which cataloguing was completed up to the end of the following February. Receipts by the Library in the years 1967 to 1971, classified according to year of publication, are shown in Table 1; Table 3 refers to receipts from 1969 to 1971, Tables 2 and 4 to receipts in 1971. In so far as the statistics are classified according to the year of publication, the figures are subject to revision as publications come to hand subsequent to the year of publication. Most publications are received within three years of publication.

4. The method of counting conforms to international practice. Each title is counted as one unit. For purposes of these statistics, a book is a non-periodical publication of at least 49 pages, and a pamphlet is a non-periodical publication of no less than five and not more than 48 pages.

5. The statistics include first editions and re-editions. A first edition is the first publication of an original manuscript or a translation. A re-edition is a publication distinguished from previous editions by changes made in the contents (revised edition) or layout (new edition). Publications unchanged in contents and layout, apart from the correction of typographical errors, are called reprints and are not included in the statistics. A publication by any publisher other than the original publisher is regarded as a re-edition, whether or not changes have been made. Numbers of first editions and re-editions are shown in Tables 3 and 5.

6. The figures include government publications, school textbooks, offprints, illustrated works, and publications which form part of a series, but not periodicals. They exclude publications of a transitory nature (such as advertising matter), programmes of entertainments, etc., regulations of business firms, calendars, musical works, maps and charts, and books and pamphlets not made available to the public. The number of publications in foreign languages, and of children's books and textbooks are given, for 1971 receipts, in Table 4.

7. A classification of books and pamphlets according to type of publisher is available for publications received in 1971. The statistics appear in Table 2. The National Library of Australia defines five categories of publishers:

1. Government publishers - any government body or instrumentality, either Commonwealth, State or Local.
2. Trade publishers - organisations set up predominantly for publishing, who publish for profit and whose title output is significant and widely available through the bookselling trade.
- Marginal publishers - 3. Commercial - firms for whom publishing is subsidiary to their main function.
4. Societies, institutions, etc. - all non-profit societies, universities and their departments (but not their Presses), schools, churches and church organisations.
5. Private individuals - all individuals who are responsible for the publication of one or more titles.

8. The classification by subject group in Tables, 3, 4 and 5 is based on the divisions of the Dewey Decimal Classification.

TABLE 1. - AUSTRALIAN(a) PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED ACCORDING TO
YEAR OF PUBLICATION, 1967 TO 1971
(Number of titles)

Received by the Library in	Year of publication					Total
	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	
BOOKS						
1967	1,188	..	..	..	..	(a) 1,601
1968	268	1,411	..	..	..	(a) 1,711
1969	78	327	1,481	..	..	(a) 1,890
1970	1	68	440	1,706	..	2,215
1971	..	2	76	572	1,436	2,086
<u>Total</u>	1,535	1,808	(b) 1,997	(b) 2,278	(b) 1,436	9,503
PAMPHLETS						
1967	1,116	..	..	..	..	(a) 1,769
1968	423	1,214	..	..	..	(a) 1,689
1969	146	653	1,178	..	..	(a) 1,986
1970	3	173	1,095	1,383	..	2,654
1971	..	..	163	905	1,369	2,437
<u>Total</u>	1,688	2,040	(b) 2,436	(b) 2,288	(b) 1,369	10,535
TOTAL, BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS						
1967	2,304	..	..	..	..	(a) 3,370
1968	691	2,625	..	..	..	(a) 3,400
1969	224	980	2,659	..	..	(a) 3,876
1970	4	241	1,535	3,089	..	4,869
1971	..	2	239	1,477	2,805	4,523
<u>TOTAL</u>	3,223	3,848	(b) 4,433	(b) 4,566	(b) 2,805	20,038

(a) Includes books and pamphlets published prior to 1967. (b) Incomplete.
See explanatory notes, paragraph 3.

TABLE 2. - AUSTRALIAN PUBLICATIONS : BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS
RECEIVED IN 1971, BY PUBLISHER
(Number of titles)

Publisher	Books	Pamphlets	Total
Government	428	1,566	1,994
Trade	1,216	336	1,552
Marginal -			
Commercial	71	49	120
Societies, institutions, etc.	315	448	763
Private individuals	56	38	94
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,086	2,437	4,523

TABLE 3. - AUSTRALIAN PUBLICATIONS : BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS
 ACCORDING TO SUBJECT GROUP, AND WHETHER
 FIRST EDITION, RECEIVED IN 1969 TO 1971
 (Number of titles)

Subject group	Year of receipt		
	1969	1970	1971
Bibliography, libraries, general	98	156	93
Philosophy, psychology	41	24	34
Religion, theology	106	139	180
Social sciences	1,391	1,484	1,978
Linguistics, philology	59	95	74
Science	358	505	372
Technology, business	890	1,216	755
Art, amusement	244	319	282
Literature -			
History of literature, literary criticism, anthologies, school editions	36	23	29
Australian literature	261	334	264
Other literature	62	120	63
<u>Total, literature</u>	359	477	356
Geography, travel	176	182	203
History, biography	154	272	196
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	3,876	4,869	4,523
First editions	3,572	4,178	4,059
Re-editions	304	691	464
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	3,876	4,869	4,523

TABLE 4. - AUSTRALIAN PUBLICATIONS : BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO SUBJECT GROUP, AND WHETHER

CHILDREN'S, SCHOOL, ETC., RECEIVED IN 1971

(Number of titles)

Subject group	Books	Pamphlets	Total
Bibliography, libraries, general	39	54	93
Philosophy, psychology	25	9	34
Religion, theology	102	78	180
Social sciences -			
Sociology, statistics	125	821	946
Political science, political economy	159	209	368
Law, public administration, social relief, insurance	135	92	227
Military art and science	12	16	28
Education	141	126	267
Trade, communications, transport	50	82	132
Ethnography, manners and customs, folklore	7	3	10
Linguistics, philology	62	12	74
Science -			
Mathematics	77	14	91
Natural sciences	157	124	281
Technology, business -			
Medical sciences, public health	56	65	121
Technology, industries, trades and crafts	155	176	331
Agriculture, forestry, stock-breeding, hunting, fishing	61	104	165
Domestic science	33	10	43
Commercial and business management techniques	60	35	95
Art, amusement -			
Town planning, architecture, plastic arts, minor arts, photography, music, film, cinema, theatre, radio, television	101	113	214
Entertainment, pastimes, games, sport	45	23	68
Literature -			
History of literature, literary criticism	3	-	3
Anthologies, school editions	24	2	26
Australian literature - poetry	36	37	73
drama	4	2	6
fiction	133	36	169
essays	4	-	4
humour and miscellany	7	5	12
Other literature	39	24	63
Geography, travel	109	94	203
History, biography	125	71	196
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	2,086	2,437	(a)4,523
Children's publications	36	110	146
School textbooks (b)	218	64	282
All other publications	1,832	2,263	4,095
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	2,086	2,437	(a)4,523

(a) Includes 34 publications in languages other than English and 15 publications translated from the original language. (b) For primary and secondary education. Excludes teachers' manuals.

TABLE 5. - AUSTRALIAN (a) PUBLICATIONS : CUMULATIVE TO
 END OF 1971, BY YEAR OF PUBLICATION 1967 TO 1971
 ACCORDING TO SUBJECT GROUP, AND WHETHER FIRST EDITION
 (Number of titles received)

Subject group	Year of publication				Publications received and published in 1971 (b)		
	1967	1968	1969(b)	1970(b)	Books	Pamphlets	Total
Bibliography, libraries, general	111	96	115	148	28	26	54
Philosophy, psychology	15	32	37	25	20	7	27
Religion, theology	87	113	106	170	57	37	94
Social sciences	1,315	1,469	1,511	1,481	448	893	1,341
Linguistics, philology	49	57	73	99	38	3	41
Science	306	371	455	405	151	51	202
Technology, business	596	756	1,115	946	232	135	367
Art, amusement	153	242	278	305	103	62	165
Literature -							
History of literature, literary criticism, anthologies, school editions	18	18	41	24	18	1	19
Australian literature	261	246	278	341	148	62	210
Other literature	95	98	64	131	24	14	38
<u>Total, literature</u>	374	362	383	496	190	77	267
Geography, travel	89	173	181	218	82	42	124
History, biography	172	177	179	273	87	36	123
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	3,267	3,848	4,433	4,566	1,436	1,369	2,805
First editions	3,008	3,614	3,945	3,984	1,227	1,320	2,547
Re-editions	259	234	488	582	209	49	258
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	(a)3,267	3,848	4,433	4,566	1,436	1,369	2,805

(a) Includes 36 books and pamphlets published in Papua-New Guinea and 8 published in Nauru. (b) Incomplete. See explanatory notes, paragraph 3.

TABLE 6. - AUSTRALIAN PUBLICATIONS : CUMULATIVE TO
 END OF 1971, BY YEAR OF PUBLICATION 1967 TO 1971, STATE OR
 TERRITORY OF PUBLICATION
 (Number of titles received)

State of Territory	Year of publication				Publications received and published in 1971 (a)		
	1967	1968	1969(a)	1970(a)	Books	Pamphlets	Total
New South Wales	1,272	1,375	1,598	1,757	585	321	906
Victoria	875	1,103	1,154	1,264	420	298	718
Queensland	202	306	325	352	91	151	242
South Australia	217	287	466	390	119	156	275
Western Australia	131	228	265	259	75	99	174
Tasmania	53	62	69	69	12	67	79
Northern Territory	8	11	34	23	2	9	11
Australian Capital Territory	465	476	522	452	132	268	400
<u>TOTAL</u>	3,223	3,848	4,433	4,566	1,436	1,369	2,805

(a) Incomplete. See explanatory notes, paragraph 3.

TABLE 7. - EXTERNAL TERRITORIES' PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

ACCORDING TO YEAR OF PUBLICATION, 1967 TO 1971

(Number of titles)

Received by the library in	Year of publication					Total
	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	
BOOKS						
1967	3	..	..	..	..	(a) 5
1968	1	4	..	..	..	5
1969	1	2	12	..	..	15
1970	..	1	6	14	..	21
1971	..	..	1	20	9	30
<u>Total</u>	5	7	19	34	9	76
PAMPHLETS						
1967	32	..	..	..	..	(a) 37
1968	7	17	..	..	..	(a) 25
1969	..	18	30	..	..	48
1970	..	..	13	29	..	42
1971	..	..	..	28	43	71
<u>Total</u>	39	35	43	57	43	223
TOTAL, BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS						
1967	35	..	..	..	..	(a) 42
1968	8	21	..	..	..	(a) 30
1969	1	20	42	..	..	63
1970	..	1	19	43	..	63
1971	..	..	1	48	52	101
<u>TOTAL</u>	44	42	62	91	52	299

(a) Includes books and pamphlets published prior to 1967.

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